GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO-CHINA JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a plan is being mooted out for a first ever joint naval exercise by India-China;

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) the time by which the exercise is expected to begin?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) During the visit of our Prime Minister to China in June, 2003, the possibility of joint naval search & rescue exercises between India & China was agreed to.

(b) & (c): The details for such exercises have not been worked out as yet.